

**WAC 246-976-885 Educational requirements--Designated trauma care service personnel.**

- (1) To allow for timely and orderly establishment of the trauma system, the department shall consider that education requirements established in this chapter for all personnel caring for trauma patients in a designated trauma care service, have been met if:
  - (a) At the time of initial designation, twenty-five percent of all personnel meet the education and training requirements defined in this chapter;
  - (b) At the end of the first year of designation, fifty percent of all personnel meet the education and training requirements defined in this chapter;
  - (c) At the end of the second year of designation, seventy-five percent of all personnel meet the education and training requirements defined in this chapter; and
  - (d) At the end of the third year of designation, and in all subsequent designation periods, ninety percent of all personnel meet the education and training requirements defined in this chapter.
- (2) To meet the requirements for a trauma life support course:
  - (a) Emergency department registered nurses in levels I, II, III and IV trauma care services, and in levels I, II, and III pediatric trauma care services, shall have successfully completed a trauma nurse core course (TNCC), or a department-approved equivalent that includes a minimum of sixteen contact hours of trauma-specific education on the following topics:
    - (i) Mechanism of injury;
    - (ii) Shock and fluid resuscitation;
    - (iii) Initial assessment;
    - (iv) Pediatric trauma;
    - (v) Stabilization and transport;
  - (b) Registered nurses in critical care units in level I or II trauma care services shall have successfully completed a minimum of eight contact hours of trauma-specific education;
  - (c) Registered nurses in critical care units in level III trauma care services shall have successfully completed a minimum of four contact hours of trauma-specific education;
  - (d) For level IV services, if the service's scope of care defined in WAC 246-976-640(2) includes critical care for trauma patients, registered nurses in critical care units shall have successfully completed a minimum of four contact hours of trauma-specific education.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 70.168 RCW. 98-04-038, § 246-976-885, filed 1/29/98, effective 3/1/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040 and chapters 18.71, 18.73 and 70.168 RCW. 93-01-148 (Order 323), § 246-976-885, filed 12/23/92, effective 1/23/93.]